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1. At about 1400 on 2 July 1954, the following troops and materiel from the Luftnachrichten Kaserne (4243) in Bernau were entrained at the railroad station: 7 T-34 tanks 50X1-HUM 50X1-HUM scout cars and 8 trucks with covered numbers onto an undetermined number of flatcars and about 100 soldiers with field packs onto 4 boxcars. The train 50X1-HUM went toward Berlin-Gueterring at about 1400. 1

2. At about 1400 on 2 July, 8 JSU-152s and 4 trucks with covered numbers and each occupied by 25 to 30 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia were detrained at Bernau. The shipment had come from the direction of Berlin Ausspannung. The troops moved to the southwest section of the Luftnachrichten Kaserne after unloading. 2

3. At 0930 on 7 July, a freight train including 5 or 6 flatcars carrying 8 x 120-mm field howitzers each was seen at Eberswalde railroad station. The train 50X1-HUM left between 1500 and 1930.

4. At 0930 on 8 July, 4 x 57-mm AT guns coupled to trucks and 1 truck were loaded at Eberswalde railroad station.

5. At approximately 1350 on 8 July, a shipment of 4 field howitzers and 8 to 10 trucks was seen on a freight train at Bernau railroad station. The train was 50X1-HUM headed toward Eberswalde. 2

6. On 9 July, a shipment of 8 x 120-mm mortars, 4 trucks and several boxcars with troops was seen between Genthin and Burg on route 50X1-HUM toward Magdeburg. 3

7. At about 1000 on 2 July, 4 trucks, each with a pontoon section and 6 trucks with troops and 2 armored personnel carriers drove toward Rheinsberger Strasse from the direction of Wittstock-Dosse and proceeded toward Altruppin. At about 1115 on 2 July, about 40 empty flatcars stood at Altruppin railroad station. Four trucks, each with a pontoon section, 6 trucks with soldiers and 2 armored personnel carriers stood near the loading ramp. At about 1430 on 2 July, the following train without locomotive stood at the Altruppin railroad station: approximately 20 flatcars and flatcars with sideracks with 10 trucks, each with a pontoon section,

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2 trucks, 2 armored personnel carriers, 2 jeeps and 1 sidecar motorcycle. It appeared that the train was to leave toward Herzberg. 4

At about 1630 on 5 July, soldiers wearing red-bordered black greatcoats with artillery insignia unloaded flatcars at the Kerrupp'n main railroad station. The material unloaded included 6 trucks, 2 x 57-mm AA guns, boxes, ammunition and other hardware. Two other trucks with covered numbers and 37-mm AA guns coupled to them had already been unloaded. 5

At about 2030 on 3 July, a train of the following composition passed through Massenheide railroad station: 24 flatcars with 24 trucks, each with a gun on, 12 flatcars with 12 trucks carrying U-shaped girders, 2 flatcars with a [illegible] cutter each and 4 boxcars with troops. 6

At about 2230 on 4 July, a freight train including the following military shipments passed through Massenheide railroad station: 3 flatcars, each with a rocket launcher [redacted] and 3 flatcars with 5 guns of approximately 5 cm. 7 50X1-HUM

Between 1630 and 1900 on 12 July, the following troops and material from the barracks camp at Wuhlheide (4184) were entrained in Berlin-Schoenweide:
Onto flatcars:
about 20 to 25 trucks [redacted]
2 jeeps [redacted] 50X1-HUM
1 radio truck;
1 field kitchen;
3 trucks with 15 to 20 light mortars and 4 x 12.4-cm mortars [redacted]
[redacted]
7 trucks towing 57-mm AT guns [redacted] about
5 half-track vehicles;
Approximately 4 armored six-wheel reclaim gun carriers.
Onto 7 or 8 boxcars:
Approximately 250 men, billeting equipment and ammunition. 8

[redacted] Comment. We are regarding the shipments in paragraphs 1 and 2 as [illegible] previous information. The shipment in your report 1 was already previously reported [redacted] The shipment in your report 2 was previously reported with some of the 57-mm [redacted] when the guns were unloaded in Eberswalde at 1400 on 2 July. [redacted]

7. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] the transfer of units of the 6th Gds Tech Div to firing practice on grenades has continued [redacted] 50X1-HUM

8. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] the train carried a unit of the 209th Gds Mort Bn of the 10th Gds Tank Div which was loaded in Eutzkow onto train [redacted] for shipment to Jueterbog on 5 July. [redacted]

9. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] shipment went from Wuhlheide to an undetermined location [redacted] on 5 July [redacted] report refers to elements of the 209th Engr Bn of the 10th Gds Tank Div from Eutzkow (2206). The present report does not clearly show whether 1 or 2 shipments were loaded. It is believed that the units moved to the area of Jueterbog where contingents of the 6th Engr Bn (?) from Neuruppin-Demmin had moved at the same time. [redacted] 50X1-HUM

[redacted] Comment. [redacted] 3 shipments [redacted] units of the 12th Gds Tank Div returned to Neuruppin and Fuerstenberg from Jueterbog on 4 and 5 July. [redacted] The present information probably refers to one of the two first mentioned movements.

[redacted] Comment. The entraining of units of the 6th Engr Regt (?) at the [illegible] was made only from the Panzer Kaserne (2130), Neubrandenburg, for shipment toward Jerichow on 2 and 3 July was previously reported. [redacted] 50X1-HUM

[redacted] Comment. [redacted] the shipment included guns of the 128th Gds Mtr Bn of the 9th Gds Tank Div. 50X1-HUM

[redacted] Comment. [redacted] the train carried a unit of the 24th Gds Mech Regt of the 9th Gds Mech Div to the Jueterbog training grounds.

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